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INVITED SPEAKER:

**MR. RYAN DENNIS**

“ORGANOCLAY”

**November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM**

RFM 3241

**Biography:**

Harry “Ryan” Dennis is the Plant Superintendent for Covia Corporation in their Troup, Texas facility. He received an AS degree in Environmental Science from Austin Community College, and a BA degree in Business from Concordia University in Austin, Texas. Mr. Dennis spent 34 years in the technical department with Southern Clay Products; 12 years as Technical Service Manager, and 2 years as Technical Manager. He has also served in a variety of roles with Lhoist North America, Boral Brick, Clarke Products, Unimin and now Covia Corp. Mr. Dennis is a music lover, and has published 2 CD’s of original material, with number 3 pending ([www.harryryandennis.com](http://www.harryryandennis.com).) He is also an avid football fan, but gave that up to root for the Dallas Cowboys. Currently residing in Bullard, Texas, Mr. Dennis can be reached at [harryryandennis@yahoo.com](mailto:harryryandennis@yahoo.com).

**Abstract:**

This presentation is to introduce organically modified phyllosilicates (organoclays). Organoclays are derived by modifying the surface of a natural clay through exchanging the original cations with organo-cations. Discussion will include the chemistry, method of preparation, applications and uses.

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